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SUBJECT: GENSCHER VISIT PROMISES IMPROVED FRG-POLISH TIES

1. SUMMARY. FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S OCTOBER
9-10 VISIT TO WARSAW TO SIGN THE RECENT GIEREK-SCHMIDT
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AGREEMENTS ON PENSIONS, EMIGRATION, AND CREDITS, HAS

CLEARED THE WAY FOR IMPROVEMENT IN FRG-POLISH REALTIONS. THE POLES ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GERMAN RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENTS, THEY HOPE THESE AGREEMENTS WILL HELP NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. A SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT TO THE TEN-YEAR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION PACT CONCLUDED LAST YEAR WAS ALSO SIGNED BY GENSCHER. THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTER CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, AND WAS RECEIVED BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AND THE TOP POLISH LEADERSHIP. OLSZOWSKI WILL GO TO BONN EARLY NEXT YEAR TO PREPARE A SECOND-QUATER VISIT BY GIEREK. END SUMMARY.

2. FRG EMBASSY OFFICERS ON OCTOBER 15 AND 16 PROVIDED A GENERAL RUN-DOWN ON THE GERMAN-POLISH TALKS, WHICH CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON BILATERAL ISSUES, PRINCIPALLY HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED DURING GENSCHER'S VISIT. THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTER POINTEDLY UNDERSCORED THE EMIRGRATION UNDERSTANDING AS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE FRG, AND THE POLES EXPRESSED THEIR "GOOD FAITH" ON THIS (THE FRG EMBASSY HAS ALREADY OBSERVED AN INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS, NOTABLY FROM THE KATOWICE AREA FROM WHICH EMIGRATION HAD BEEN SEVERELY LIMITED). THE POLES ALSO EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO RESUME CONSULATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES' RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES, AND A MEETING IS PLANNED LATER THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH THE WEST GERMANS ARE STILL SKEPTICAL ABOUT POLISH WILLINGNESS TO UTILIZE THE RED CROSS CHANNEL.

3. CONCERNING THE PENSION-EMIGRATION PACKAGE AS A WHOLE, HOWEVER, AN FRG EMBASSY OFFICER STRESSED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED THAT THE INDEMNIFICATION ISSUE IS CLOSED AND THAT RESETTLEMENT TO THE GDR IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE 120-125-THOUSAND FIGURE CITED IN THE EMIGRATION AGREEMENT.

4. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND AGREED TO MEET IN NOVEMBER TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC WAYS OF IMPLEMENTING THE TEN-YEAR AGREE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT AND ITS SUPPLEMENT JUST SIGNED. HOWEVER, THE FRG DCM TOLD US SEPARATELY THAT IS MIGHT NOT BE FEASIBLE TO SET UP SUCH A MEETING SO SOON. A POLISH BUSINESS DELEGATION MAY ALSO VISIT THE FRG IN NOVEMBER. THE DELEGATION MIGHT INVOLVE ABOUT A HUNDRED PROMINENT POLISH BUSINESSMEN. THE WEST GERMANS ARE ANXIOUS TO ENSURE THAT THE ONE BILLION DM IN CREDITS OFFERED IN THE RECENT AGREEMENTS WILL GO MAINLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF WEST GERMAN

PRODUCTS.

5. FULL POLISH MEMBERSHIP IN GATT WAS DISCUSSED. THE POLES VOICED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN FULL MEMBERSHIP AND SEEMED TO WANT FRG BACKING, BUT GENSCHER MADE NO COMMITMENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE POLES PRESSED THE FRG TO REDUCE ITS QUANTITATIVE TRADE RESTRICTIONS, BUT AGAIN RECEIVED NO COMMITMENT.

6. THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT QUESTION, STALLED SINCE LAST YEAR, WAS RE-OPENED, AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WERE SET FOR NOVEMBER. THE FRG IS ANXIOUS TO EXPAND ITS CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN POLAND AND IS STRESSING RECIPROCITY. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PROMOTE FURTHER EXCHANGES BETWEEN YOUTH GROUPS, PARLIAMENTARIANS, TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES, AND OTHERS.

7. CSCE IMPLEMENTATION LED THE LIST OF INTERNATIONAL TOPICS. FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI SAID THE SEJM WOULD ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT ON OCTOBER 23 AND ADDED THAT POLISH MINISTRIES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DEVELOP PROJECTS BY THE END OF THE YEAR FOR IMPLEMENTING THE FINAL ACT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF COMPETENCE. OLSZOWSKI EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF MILITARY DETENTE IN STANDARD TERMS AND VAGUELY HINTED THAT POLAND MIGHT PRESENT SOME NEW IDEAS AT THE MBFR TALKS. ALTHOUGH THE BUNDESWEHR SEEMED UPPERMOST IN POLISH MINDS, IT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED DURING THE TALKS.

8. THE TWO MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE RECENT GDR-SOVIET AGREEMENT, BUT OLSZOWSKI SEEMED EITHER UNFAMILIAR WITH ITS DETAILS OR UNWILLING TO DISCUSS IT. GENSCHER STRESSED THAT THE TEXT APPEARS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGEST THAT CSCE PRINCIPLES DO NOT FULLY APPLY TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

9. OF LOCAL INTEREST, FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK RAISED THE QUESTION OF RUMORED DOMESTIC PUBLIC DISCONTENT WITH GENSCHER, POINTEDLY STRESSING THAT MANY POLES HAVE DEVELOPED UNREASONABLE EXPECTATIONS ABOUT ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND THAT THIS UNFORTUNATELY CONTRIBUTES TO MISLEADING RUMORS ABOUT CONDITIONS.

10. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE RATIFICATION HURDLE STILL LOOMS AHEAD, THE POLES ARE OPTIMISTIC. PRESUMING RATIFICATION BY BONN, THE AGREEMENTS AND GENSCHER'S VISIT WILL HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR A SIGNIFICANT WARMING IN FRG-POLISH RELATIONS. THE SUBSTANTIAL GERMAN CREDITS

TO POLAND WILL FACILITATE IMPROVEMENT OF POLAND'S MANUFACTURING CAPACITY. WEST GERMANY IS ALREADY POLAND'S NUMBER-ONE WESTERN TRADING PARTNER, AND THE DM CREDITS WILL PROBABLY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE US AND OTHERS TO INCREASE THEIR FUTURE SHARES OF THE POLISH IMPORT MARKET.
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